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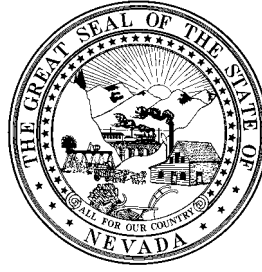
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STATE BOARD FOR FINANCING WATER PROJECTS

Water Rights Technical Support Fund Solicitation

Senate Bill 62 (SB62), approved by the 2005 Nevada State Legislature, created the Water Rights Technical Support Fund to be administered by the Board for Financing Water Projects. The Water Rights Technical Support Fund is to make grants to local governments for the following purposes:

- Obtain and provide expert and technical assistance to gather data to protect a local government's existing water rights; or
- Enhance or protect a local government's existing water rights.

SB62 specifies that grant money from the Water Rights Technical Support Fund must not be used to pay for any assistance if the only purpose of the assistance is to obtain evidence including technical evidence and oral testimony or to pay for expert witnesses or attorney's fees for any administrative or judicial proceeding including hearings before the State Engineer.

Grants will be available to local governments with existing water rights. In planning for the implementation of this new fund, the Board for Financing Water Projects is soliciting local governments to determine the level of interest in obtaining water rights protection grants. Local governments who may be interested in obtaining a grant should submit a letter of intention to apply for a grant to:

Adele Basham
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89706-5249

Since Board for Financing Water Projects is on a fast track to implement the Water Rights Protection Fund, anyone interested in applying for a grant must furnish information prior to the workshop scheduled for August 30.

In the letter of interest submitted, it is not necessary to outline the specifics of the project. A statement of possible interest in obtaining grant funds is all that is required at this time. If you have any questions, contact Adele Basham at (775) 687-9488 or E-mail:

<mailto:abasham@ndep.nv.gov>